Yours Respectfully
Syracuse N. Y.
February 20th 1879

Mr. Davenport

Will you please examine these specimens and see if you think they can possibly be Cheilanthes elegans.
They were sent home from California without being named by a friend who knows little or nothing of ferns or botany. Mrs Rust and I have compared them with C. microphylla and they certainly differ in having the pinnules stalked. Will you please return me the specimens with your opinions and oblige

Yours truly
W. D. Fairbanks

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

DIVISION OF FORESTRY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Personal.

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Nov 24. 1897

Geo E. Davenport Esq.

Medford, Mass 67 Valley St.

Dear Sir:—

I have a number of ferns which I collected during a trip through Australia, New Zealand, & the South Sea Islands and want to have named or at least to have the genera determined. They are largely scraps, not complete plants and some will undoubtedly be hardly identifiable as they were collected for decorative purposes for a friend of my travelling companion.

Mr Conilli has given me your name & tells me you might be able to help me in the identification of these ferns.

Would you allow me to send them to you & will you please let me know under what circumstances

you would name them?

Hoping to hear from you in this matter shortly I remain

Very truly Yours

D. G. Fairchild.

K.

Mar 19-98.

1836 California Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C.

~~Blechnum lanceolatum~~

Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
67 Valley St.
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance to an agreement which we have already made I believe I send you by express the package of Ferns most of which were collected either in New Zealand or Hawaii, a few on the Fiji Islands. As I said before, many are fragments & not identifiable probably. If you would return them at your earliest convenience I would be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours
D. G. Fairchild.

Return June 15/98

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COSMOS CLUB,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sir:—

I have your note of June 14th before me. I thank you heartily for the pains you have taken in naming the ferns sent you. I fail to find in your letter a bill for the work you have done. Please honor me with a statement for I feel the matter is quite irregular without some arrangement of this kind. The express box I presume will appear tomorrow.

Thanking you for your kindness & awaiting your response I remain

Very truly yours

D. G. Fairchild.

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Cambridge
May 19.

Dear Sir,

Do you happen to have a specimen of the Caeoma Cheilanthes named by Peck found as a specimen of C. Bringlei which you sent him?

If so could you kindly let me have a piece for microscopic examination? Yours, truly,

W. G. Farlow,

K

Cambridge, Dec. 3d.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly inform me what hour the lecture on Wednesday begins and also how long it takes to drive from Harvard Square to Malden? I have a lecture at Cambridge in the afternoon and if possible shall dine in Cambridge and drive over to the lecture if there is time to do so. If not, I shall take the train from Boston. When do the trains leave and return?

I will send by express on

Tuesday some diagrams which can easily be hung up. Mr. Collins has consented to look after them and I will send him word about the placing them in position. I presume that there will be a small table on the platform on which I can place a few glasses if necessary.

Yours, respectfully,
W. G. Harlow.

H

Cambridge
July 9.
1898.

My dear Mr. Davenport,

I am working away as fast as I can to get our cryptogamic show cases ready before the meeting of the am. assn. The algae are nearly done and I am next going on to the fungi.

I am troubled about the higher

cryptogams because I have so little time not expecting to have to get things so ready in such a hurry. To my regret I find that I have few duplicates of ferns and hypnoids and I may perhaps be obliged to ask you whether you could help me out at the last minute

at best my representation of the higher crypts will be inadequate for it takes a good while to arrange things properly. I should regret however having to omit that group until we have a new case for them. Even crowded into our present cases is better than nothing.

Yours, truly,

W. G. Farlow

Cambridge
July 12.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

My cases are now in such condition that I know just what I have and have not got. I find that it will be impossible to exhibit ferns proper until our new wall case comes which will not be until autumn and I

have done tailed the higher crypts, into the case with Musci-cae.

Although I have had many good specimens of Marsilea there are all gone. Have you a duplicate of Marsilea from this region which you could let me have? I should also be very glad to get a specimen of some Pilularia and some Equisetum. My Lycopodium is good enough but not exactly "Oh My! specimens and I fear that there is no room for Selaginella until we get an other case.

If you could let me have a specimen of Marsilea and Pilularia I should be greatly obliged.

In haste,
W. G. Farlow.

Cambridge
July 18.

My dear Mr. Davenport,

I am greatly obliged to you for your offer to assist me in filling out an exhibition case.

What I wanted were good show specimens of types of growths above mosses. I find that my duplicates are not so good as they might be. Of Psilotum & Tmesipteris

Higher. Right, since they can be more quickly done than the rest. I have finished algae, lichens and all but finished mosses and hepatics. This week I must work on fungi.

I will write again

In haste,

W. G. Farlow

I have specimens such as they are and I presume that it will not be easy to get duplicate of those genera at once. My Equisetum might be much improved and even my Selaginella is not very much to show.

Specimens of Filularia never show well in cases. I used to have splendid Isoetes Engelmannii but it has disappeared. Of ferns proper I can only show a very few specimens now and I shall have to wait until we have another case made before I can have any adequate exhibition of the higher crypt. Yet I ought to show something now to indicate that I have no intention giving the group the cold shoulder.

Probably I shall have to wait until August 1st before I complete the

Cambridge
Aug. 15,
1899.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

When at Cancale, France, about a month ago I found the enclosed fern growing in the crack of a stone wall, not a New England stone fence but a regular plastered wall six feet or more high. The spot was not more than half a mile from the sea and, when I gathered the fern, I supposed that it was Asplenium

marinum. An examination, however, it seems to be nearer Asp. Adiantum-nigrum but not just ~~to~~ any form we have in the herbarium. In fact, it almost looks as if it were a cross between those two species but that is very improbable. I should be much obliged to you if you would be so kind as to let me know your opinion on the species.

Yours, truly,
M. G. Harvey

[illegible]

[illegible] 1898

[illegible]

[illegible] you to identify [illegible] if you will kindly do so.

No. 5 received in an exchange under the name of P. luna in Luzon, neglectum-sec. Wood. [illegible] here. I send a large [illegible] for their [illegible] or for some others if you wish to keep them. These [illegible] exchange. I have P. impressum; P. [illegible]; ~~P. [illegible]~~; P. [illegible]; P. lanceolatum, Sing.; P. virginicum, Sing.; [illegible] besides these [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Dear Mr Davenport

I have examined the two Nephrolepes this evening. I find the differences you pointed out, and think very likely there are two species on my herbarium sheet. But I am glad to find no mixing up on the plate I drew. The scale on the plate belongs to Polypodium Plumula. I have carefully examined my drawing, and find that it wholly agrees with the true N. exaltata. ~~in~~ The shape and separation from each other of the pinnae and their not overlapping the rachis - the more marginal position of the sori - the

shape of the magnificil inclusium - in short all the characters appear to me to be accurately represented although as I said the general effect of the drawing does not suit me there not being varetty ~~enough~~ and irregularity enough ~~in~~, no cockled look about the fimbriae etc.

But I think from my examination this evening that if I were to redraw it with the same limitation as to size etc. I should not alter the scientific characters - that is I should not know where to begin to alter. In short I dont think there is any mixing of the two species on the plate, and I am very glad of it.

As for the other species I hope you will get some more light on it, but I think as you do that it is not best to hunt much on these two specimens only

C. E. Horn

Dear Mr. Davenport

I send by express the drawing and specimens of the fern -

If the Gazette is to pay for the drawing my charge will be $6.00, but if Mr. Pringle or yourself shoulder the matter, I shall make no charge - Let me know how it stands -

Yours

C. E. Faxon

J. Plain, Mch. 12.

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Boston,
Mass.

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,

Brookline, Mass., July 21 1887

Dear Mr. Davenport

I was in to see you yesterday but did not find you -

If you have found a copy of "Botrychium simplex" will you please mail it to Mrs. A. T. Slosson,
38 East 23d St.,
New York, N.Y.
and let me know the price and postage.

If you will kindly do

this it will save my
running into Boston for
the purpose only.
Please drop me a card
about it.
Edwin is away now
and I am very busy
here.
Hope you are well
and enjoying yourself.
Sincerely yours
C. E. Faxon

ARNOLD ARBORETUM,
HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Jamaica Plain, Mass. Feb. 25 1896.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I shall be happy to make the drawing you mention. If you will send me the material and your description I will go to work on it at once.

You must state how the drawing is to be reproduced for the plate so that I may know what method of drawing to adopt.

Yours sincerely
C. E. Faxon

ARNOLD ARBORETUM.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., Apl. 13 1896

Dear Mr. Davenport,

You are welcome to this sketch unless the Gazette is willing to pay something. I am quite sure they will not do this. It is not their habit.

Yours truly
C. E. Sargent

Jan

ARNOLD ARBORETUM,
HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Jamaica Plain, Apl. 10 1901

Dear Mr. Davenport,

Can you give me the name of this fern brought from Nassau, N. P. A lady of my acquaintance is very anxious to learn what it is.

Yrs. Truly
C. E. Faxon

Dwallia - apparently a portion of [illegible] ? Swz.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

July 21, 1896.

My dear Mr. Davenport:

What do you think of the New England Fern list which is being prepared by Raymond Dodge of Newburyport. He is anxious to get hold of my Maine stations, most of which are as yet unpublished, & I am a little puzzled to know what to say.

If the list is to be a really good thing, carefully done &c — I would just as soon send him some

notes — But I don't know anything about the man or his book.

A word of advice will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours

Kenneth Lyndon Trimble

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GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Aug. 6, 1896.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

Thank you for your letter of advice in respect to Mr. Dodge. I have sent him a few notes on the ways of Maine Ferns.

I am not surprised at your verdict upon his Directs. He sent in some specimens a day or two ago with directions as to the preparation for the Herb.

I don't know what we are going to do, the Boreal element seems to be increasing every day among our Botanists! And New Hampshire and Vermont certainly furnish their share.

I start tomorrow night for seven weeks in Maine. The first exploring trip leaves North Anson Tuesday morning when a party of five of us — four botanists

including J. Franklin Collins of Providence and Prof W. C. Strong of Bates College — will go for ten days through the Dead River country. Our objective point is Mt. Bigelow 3800 ft. high & 10 miles long. The northern and eastern faces are vast cliffs, so we shall be on the lookout for Woodsia Asplenium and Selaginellas.

I hope I may have some good things for you in the fall. I send you a very carelessly printed reprint from the recent report, 1895-96 of the Maine Pomological Society. I hope the information and suggestions in it may appeal to a few Maine farmers.

Sincerely yours

Merritt Lyndon Fernald.

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GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Oct. 16, 1896.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

The Aspidium cristatum x marginale which I found a year ago was at Dover, Maine.

The plant was among cristatum in a low pasture lying directly under a wooded hill where A. marginale abounds.

Sincerely yours

Merritt L. Fernald.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Jan 26. 1898

Dear Mr. Davenport:

Can you not be ready to speak for a few minutes at the next Botanical Club meeting a week from Friday evening?

A number of members have suggested that they would like to hear about Mrs. Britton's revision of Ophioglossum, but if you do not care to speak upon that perhaps you will be ready with some other subject.

Kindly let me know if we may count upon you as I wish to be sure to have enough papers provided to make a good meeting.

Sincerely yours

Merritt L. Fernald.

for the Programme Comm.

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NEW ENGLAND BOTANICAL CLUB

58 Hastings Hall,
Cambridge, March 28, 1898.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

I trust that you are planning to read us your discussion of the Ophioglossum question next Friday evening. I have been counting upon you, but it has occurred to me that you may not have planned to read it at this meeting. Mr. Peabody will have a short contribution if he is able to be present, and the committee on a Club publication will make a report which I trust will call out a spirited discussion. These in addition to your interesting discussion ought to make a good programme.

Sincerely yours
Benj. L. Fernald
for the Comm. on Reviews.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

March 27. 1899

Dear Mr. Davenport:

I wonder if you have any spare duplicates of Aspidium cristatum × marginale. If you can spare one I should like very much to get a frond for a correspondent, and I shall be glad if you will send it to me charges collect.

Sincerely yours

Merritt L. Fernald.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,
(Orono, Me.)
BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Sept. 21, 1900

Dear Mr. Davenport.

We shall be very glad of your two papers for Rhodora. I think it possible, though I can't say until I return to Cambridge next week, that we may work the short note into the October number. The other is too long to go in that number which is now in press.

Very truly yours

Merritt L. Fernald.

Is the var. cristata here published for the first time under Dicksonia? If so we wish to indicate it in the type.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Sept 29, 1900

Dear Mr. Davenport –

Thank you for your note in regard to the var. cristata.

I am very sorry to hear that you have had trouble with your eyes, but am glad that they are now better.

The committee planned to have the first meeting of the Club an "Experience meeting", and we have fixed the time limit for each speaker at 3 minutes. Thus each one – as some will speak more briefly – ought to have a chance to tell briefly what he has done in a botanical way this summer. If there is time after these short statements, I hope you will tell us about the Dryoptteris discussion. Otherwise perhaps you will

Keep the discussion for the November meeting.

Sincerely Yours

Merritt L. Fernald

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

April 10, 1901.

Dear Mr. Davenport -

Willdenow does not cite Schkuhr in his Dicksonia pubescens in his Enum. Pl. Bot. Gard. but it is cited by him in his Sp. Pl. (1810). The exact date of D. pubescens is very difficult to ascertain. The title-page of Schk. says 1809, but the the earlier parts of his work are cited in Swartz Synops. (1806) and that as well as other evidence shows that Schkuhr's work was issued in

parts beginning with 1806, 4 or 5 perhaps
as Dr. wrote, in 1805 -
and ending in 1809. The
description of Dickson's
occurs in a section of the
work suggesting that it was
possibly really issued early
in 1808, but after an entire
forenoon's hunt this day I
have been unable to settle
the date with anything like
confidence -

Sincerely yours,

Merritt L. Fernald

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

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May 17, 1905

Dear Mr. Davenport:

This communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission was addressed to Dr. Robinson, but he is in Europe, and since the signatures of all of us at the Gray Herbarium were given through confidence in the statements of yourself and R. T. Jackson, I think it should be placed in your hands, for you have the actual data at hand which is necessary for a reply.

Sincerely yours,

M. L. Fernald.

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George E. Davenport,

67 Felsway West,

Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:--

Yours at hand. Many thanks for your kind offer. I will be sure to remind you of it when the season opens. I start to-night for Southern Texas and Arizona and will be gone a month or so. I think some good person should get at Pellea ternifolia and Cheilanthes fendleri groups. I made a trip out to El Paso and the Huachuaca Mountains last year, but depended too much on my living specimens growing under like conditions, which I hoped would clear up some of the difference. But I cannot promise at this writing that the cultivation of those desert forms will be a success in Illinois.

Yours truly,

Newport Sept. 13th

Dear Mr. Davenport.

I have been away from Cambridge since last April and do not know where Prof. Goodale and Shaler are. My impression is that Prof. Stetler has returned from Europe and is now at Campo-bello island.

Many thanks for your kindness

Very truly yours

J. Walter Fewkes.

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[illegible] ×

[illegible] ×

[illegible] ×

[illegible] ×

Asplenium acutatum [illegible] ×

" [illegible]

" Americanum. ×

" Bootii. ×

" oxylatum var. [illegible]

" [illegible]

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Mr. Geo. L. Davenport

Lexington Mass

Dear Sir:-

A few days ago I wrote Prof. Wm Trelease, St Louis Mo., chairman of the Nomenclature committee of the Society of American Florists, in regard to the confusion now existing in the trade, owing to the lack of a distinctive name for the drooping type of ~~the~~ Nephrolepis Exaltata, and suggesting that the committee give it a name.

In his reply, he states that he does not consider that the Nomenclature committee was constituted for the purpose of giving names to new varieties, but that he had referred the matter to you, as a recognized authority on ferns, for a botanical description and name.

I send you herewith a frond of N. Exaltata and also a frond of the drooping variety, also

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photographs showing the variations claimed by me. I have spent a great deal of time in investigating the origin of this fern, its history since introduced into commerce, and in studying the variations existing in greenhouses where large quantities of it are grown. The results of such investigation and study, I may summarize as follows:

1. The drooping or pendant variety of N. Exaltata is, I am convinced a development of the original variety. My reasons for this belief are (a) That a large percentage of the seedlings from both types of Exaltata are of the original or native type of Nephrolepis, (as it grows wild in its native habitat — and valueless for commercial purposes). (b) That I find on investigation that this drooping variety has been developed by different growers from the original type of N. Exaltata.

2. The variation existing between this developed type and the type usually grown and sold as N. Exaltata, is, from a botanists standpoint slight, but from a florists standpoint it is considerable. Those variations may be given as

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(a) Drooping habit. Even young plants in the propogating bench show a drooping or pendant habit of growth, entirely distinct from the recognized type which grows erect, with fronds slightly drooped near the tips. (b) Longer pinnae, and showing less serration of edge than the usual type. (c) Sori or seed not so plentiful. This agrees with my theory of a developed type, as it is a law of both the animal and vegetable kingdoms, I believe that the ability of reproduction decreases under artificial conditions or intensive cultivation. Other variations have been pointed out by cultivators of this fern, but on investigations they do not seem to be fixed as characteristics of the type or variety.

? The pressing need of a distinctive name for this the most beautiful of the Nephrolepsis. I have found it catalogued as N. Paradisa, and know of growers who advertise and sell it as N. decinata, N. plumosa N. davallioides and one grower caps the climax by advertising it as N. exaltata Davallioides. The only variety of fern known as Paradisa belongs, I believe to an entirely different species, and I would be

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glad if in your reply you would refer to that point. The name by which the fern is generally known to the trade is the "Boston fern"

In conclusion I would say that the interests of both fern growers and fern buyers would seem to demand that an authoritive name be given to this variety. I shall be pleased to accompany you on a trip to some of the growers in this vicinity, if you wish to see more of this fern.

Very truly yours

F. W. Fletcher

623 S. Yakima Ave., Tacoma, Wash.
Jan. 17, 1901.

Mr. Davenport,

Dear Sir:

I see by the Fern Bulletin that you desire authentic Fern List from all localities. I take the liberty of sending you a list from this state. Where there is any doubt I have indicated the same.

In regard to Polystichum forms there exists a doubt in my mind whether ours is P. scopulinum as Mr. Maxon asserts very positively or whether it is P. Californicum as Mr. Clute is inclined to think. These forms seem to run into each other with us. I can select good forms of P. Californicum from the largest forms and equally good of P. scopulinum from the smaller forms. I shall make a study of these forms next season. Mr. Maxon wrote that he would send you a form of the above.

Yours very truly,
F. B. Flett.

List of Ferns of the State of Washington.

1 Polypodium hesperium, Maxon.
2 " falcatum, Kellogg.
3 " Scouleri, H. + G.
4 Gymnopteris triangularis, (Kaulf) Underw.
6 Adiantum pedatum, L.
6 Pteridium aquilinum pubescens, Underw.
7 Cheilanthes gracillima, D. C. Eaton.
8 Cryptogramma acrostichoides, R. Br.
9 Pellaea densa (Brack) Hook.
10 " occidentalis, (A. Nelson) Rydberg.
11 Struthiopteris spicant (L) Scop.
12 Woodwardia radicans, (L) Sm.
13 Asplenium trichomanes, L.
14 " viride, Huds.
15 " filix-foemina, (I do not know how many varieties)
16 " cyclosorum, Rupr.
17 Phegopteris phegopteris, (L) Underw.
18 " alpestris, (Hoppe) Mett.
19 " dryopteris (L) Fee.
20 Dryopteris montana, (Vogl.) Ktze (?)

21 Dryopteris filix-mas, (L) Schott.
22 " spinulosa dilatata, (Hoffm.) Underw.
23 Polystichum lonchitis, (L) Roth.
24 " munitum, (Kaulf) Underw.
25 " " inciso-serratum D.C. Eaton.
26 " " imbricans, D.C. Eaton.
27 " ("Forms of aculeatum")
28 Filix fragilis, (L) Underw.
29 Woodsia scopulina, D.C. Eaton.
30 ~~Oxage~~ " Oregana, D.C. Eaton.

J.B. Flett, Tacoma, Wash.

Ex. HERBARIUM OF FRED. C. FLOYD.

No. Aspidium cimulatum, Davenport.

Low dense woods.

Mrs. George's Beech Woods.

Contoocook, N. H.

Coll. Sept. 1899. (F.C.F.)

Oriole St. W. Roxbury. Jany. 13, 1900

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I enclose a label to accompany the ferns I recently left in your possession and that you so kindly identified for me. I was very much interested in your remarks about Aspidium cristatum × marginale. I have searched for this plant many times always unsuccessfully but hope some time to find it yet. If you have a specimen you can spare me I should prize it greatly. I have never seen the fern ~~but~~ hope some day to have the pleasure of examining the specimens you have in cultivation in your garden.

Sincerely,

F. S. Floyd.

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[illegible]

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Utica 12/23/05

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir,

Inclosed please find stamps, for which please send me a specimen of Dicksonia pilosiuscula var cristata and oblige. I have been a member of the society for about a year: I send under another cover some Botrychiums, of which I would very much like to have your opinion of. one of which is B. obliquum var Haberari. Gilbert Clute says it is B. obliquum var silaifolium. What do you think about it? I have also a specimen with two fertile fronds. Dr Haberer and I have seen more living specimens, than any other man living. I have compared them with Mr. Gilbert specimen & consider them distinct. Botrychiums are very common here & very variable here. Than

about five hundred specimens in my herbarium. This summer I have collected a large number of freakish Polystichum they are crested forked at the tips funnel forked, in fact I have about a hundred & fifty different fronds. Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated. Thanking you in advance, I am

Resp yours
Wm. J. Fox

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13 Paxton St
Utica
N. Y.

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport Utica 2/7/06

Dear Sir

The Dicksonia was received in good condition, many thanks for same in it very fine. I am very sorry that the ones I sent you got crushed. I send you under another cover fresh specimens which I hope will reach you safely. I have taken the liberty of inclosing specimens of most of the Botrychiums that grow here, and some other ferns, on which I would very much like to have your opinion. Other Botrychiums that I have, only one specimen, are B. simplex, B. lunaria var onondadense, B. matricariae, & B. ternatum & tenuifolium

Of course I have B. Virginianum

and several forms, including one with three fertile fronds. I would very much like to get true B. lunaria, can't have found nobody that has double ones. The peculiar form of Pteris, found in package, grows on the brow of Frankfort Hill in full. I have shown it to Mr. Gilbert, and he does not know it.

Would have answered your letter before this, but have been sick. Hoping to be favored with a reply.

I am

Respectfully

Wm. J. Fox

13 Paxton

Utica

N.Y.

P.S. When do you expect your paper on Botrychium to appear

Wm. J. Fox

No. 8 Elm Street

Worcester, Mass. Dec. 5 1877

Mr. G. E. Davenport,

Dear Sir,

I have been much interested in your monograph upon Botrychium Simplex, and shall look for the new here, next season.

Are any specimens obtainable by way of exchange? A lady here who is enthusiastically studying our Ferns is so anxious to find a specimen, that I offended to write to ask you.

Hoping that I am not putting you to too much trouble,

I am yours very truly

George E. Francis.

No. 8 Elm Street

Worcester, Mass. Dec. 10 1877

Mr. G. E. Davenport,

Dear Sir,

You have placed me under many obligations by your prompt and very cordial reply to my inquiries; and especially by sending the rare duplicates, as well as the Firm Lists.

I wish it were now in my power to do as much for you; as it is, I can only assure you that your kindness is heartily appreciated. As to the jaunt

after Daytonia, I am very glad that it has not faded from your memory: certainly I have a very vivid recollection of the botanical glory of that day, and of your keen delight, which alone was enough to fully repay me for any trouble I had taken.

You ask for a list of Ferns of Worc. Co.; I doubt if there is any extant, on good authority: the County is a very large one, and very varied, and probably would furnish nearly all of the Massachusetts list. My friend Miss Sargent, who will rejoice in the possession of one of the Specimens of Botrychium, is searching this region very thoroughly: if you wish, she would gladly send a list of what she has found.

I have the first number of Prof. Eaton's Ferns, and have obtained a few kindredness for the work, which is certainly very striking, and much wanted.

I received the Botanizing Case, and feel very glad that I wrote to you as soon as it came. If by-by, I mean to trouble you again, you will have to blame the liberal offer of advice &c, which your letter contains.

Meanwhile I am very gratefully yours

Geo. E. Davis.

Polypodium vulgare. L.
Pteris aquilina. L.
Adiantum pedatum L.
Asplenium Ebeneum. Aiton.
Asplenium Filix-foemina. Bemh.
Phegopteris Lepagonopteris. Fée.
Phegopteris Dryopteris. Fée.
Aspidium acrostichoides. Swartz.
" " var. incisum Gray.
Aspidium Thelypteris. Swartz.
Aspidium noveboracense. Swartz.
Aspidium Spinulosum. Swartz.
Aspidium cristatum. Swartz.
Aspidium Goldianum. Hook.
Aspidium marginale. Swartz.

Ptilopteris Jamaica. Willd.
Onoclea sensibilis. L.
Cystopteris fragilis. Bernh.
Dicksonia pilosiuscula. Kunze.
Lygodium palmatum. Swartz.
Osmunda regalis. L.
Osmunda Claytoniana. L.
Osmunda cinnamomea. L.
Botrychium simplex. Swartz.
Botrychium virginianum. Swartz.

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No. 8 Elm St.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 8 1878

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport
Boston,

Dear Sir,

I enclose the list of local Ferns collected by Miss Emily W. Sargent; 492 Main St. Worcester.

She considers it very incomplete, but I am sure, if possible she will make it perfect in time, as she is persistent and very much in earnest.

Yours very truly

Geo. E. Francis

M. FRIESE, M. D.

OFFICE,

No. 228 N. THIRD STREET,

Harrisburg, Pa., March 13, 1876

Mr Rev. E. Davenport

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter addressed by you to my brother, F. Friese at Fort Defiance New Mexico. In reply I have to say that my brother died at Fort Wingate near Defiance, last September — His remains were brought to this city for interment with his kindred who have passed into eternity before him — He was afflicted with pulmonary disease, which caused him to seek the climate of New-Mexico and Arizona — He died in a strange land, without a friend to watch the spirit's flight to realms unknown! I beg to be excused my dear Sir — for, betraying evidences of sadness of heart to an entire stranger, but the receipt of your letter brought back to me the painful sensations at first experienced on learning of his death — He was a dear brother to me, and it is due to his memory to say that he was ~~a~~ a hard student in

M. FRIESE, M. D.

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Harrisburg, Pa., 187

the world of science - In Chemistry, Botany, Mineralogy, and Geology, especially he was most interested - I have in my possession a considerable collection of plants and flowers, also minerals and fossils collected by him - I am keeping them in respect to his memory but may at some future time donate them to some individual or institution -

Hoping that I have not wearied you by this long reply, and wishing for an answer from you at your convenience, I am

Very truly Yours

M. Friese

Sonora Cone
5-12-83

Dear Sir
Enclosed
please find 50¢ for copy
of "Farms of N.A." with
supplement
Very Resp
J. R. Fuller

Mr Geo E Davenport

Pd

Somers Ct.
6-23-83

Dear Sir,

I enclose you a form of Botrychium Virginianum. Swartz. As near as I can judge from "Gray's Manual". But I am not quite satisfied as in external appearance they seem quite distinct. And so I thought it best to send it you for identification. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain.

Very Respt
Julius R. Fuller.

405 Beacon St
Dec 10th 1901

Dear Mr Davenport

I was glad to read your article on the protection of birds, and I feel that it is a most needed word and one which you have put most effectively — do you know Emerson's little poem of "Each and All"? It expresses your thoughts of the beauty of environment — and points it out in a way never to be forgotten. I am

Denking zum Jahre 1 a Crème!

Ich bin aber [illegible] für [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Verehrung für Ihn und wäre

Ihnen zum [illegible] [illegible]

Mit Innigkeit für

Ihre Dankbar Julien

Mr. D-

[illegible]

My dear friend,

[illegible] I was [illegible], it was to
if you call/or was 3 weeks [illegible]
[illegible], since I was muffled
in a fog and then across
the [illegible] to my brother's
a shave, I am unfortunately
but I could write to tell you
it, it is, from Monmouth St
is ready for the Sp. Office.
Although I am yet a
mark, hope it will entertain!

I anticipate the "photography"
with pleasure, and then
may be, something I hope
find some of the duplicate
[illegible] I can write
as mine must be dim
[illegible] do to me.

Yours truly,
Scott Fitzhugh

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P. S. D.
N.B. My hand mine
not guilty of pen-work.
R. F.

I have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

But [illegible] only
[illegible] in favor of
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
against the [illegible]
Only that surround them
[illegible]
[illegible] place
[illegible]
[illegible] of tomorrow
Throw him away, turn

& [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]
Under
They who [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Feb. 23. '90

Dear Friend:

Behold the "Typographia"!!

What a lesson I have learned!

And you too?

I found it while re-arranging the little library. How I ~~thought~~ you were as I was too. I shall never take $0.25 out of my pocket more gladly than when this book goes on its way to you. Please read the note which I have written to the gentlemen — I am working on the 10 plates which I have

Feb. 23. '90

To
G. E. D.

Left in some place. Please mail the enclosed on to side of this book to Dr. Hale but with great pleasure.

down of Trustees of
Apple Mott for the State Ex.
Station — to be used by them as
the Columbian Ex. [illegible] dow
bell, has 50 feet, and State 100 feet
of ground assigned them for Ex.
I mean keep square with the
S. bell. if I did, I should not
feel justified in taking the time
from my experience work at my
own. So it not sad to see yourselves
fail with so much begun, which
you know none of your blood will
ever finish! We only see
the future by faith, given us largely
by our Ancestors. Surely we cannot
carry what we have begun with us.
We have had a long severe storm,
embracing 3 days. The snow is 10

[illegible]

[illegible] new plants [illegible]
[illegible] — Have been sick [illegible]
[illegible] summer — (Something new for me — Varieties work to hand)
I should like a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I want to make the most
of time while I am here. Do
you think it will be well for me
to spend some time in the
old country? I know, I do
not care to leave, I have sent
a farm ad, I found on the
edge of a pond a house farm
heavily fruited with, I do
not like the way in which
you treated me; and I feel sure
I deserve more at your hands —
I am quite anxious to know if
I can rely upon it. I have sold
the bonds at. I found Dr. —
to be Monday, yet, and this is the
second time he has done again —
but I have been sick all
winter, probably the penalty
of "sailing Ocean on Pelican"
Three weeks in Chicago
was too much of the [illegible]
academy of [illegible] the business.
I think I have read, all
of your poems, and I prefer —
to Uttam [illegible] —
I [illegible] you [illegible] to read
and [illegible] [illegible] to say —
[illegible] by other [illegible] —
[illegible] home [illegible] —
back, [illegible] for some time
of the [illegible] side —
I am [illegible] —
[illegible] my [illegible] for the summer.
This is a lovely [illegible]!
but I have been [illegible] —
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] —
[illegible] [illegible] —
[illegible] —
Write kindly —
P.S. — [illegible]
Yours [illegible]
Frederick [illegible]

Poland Spring House.

Hiram Ricker & Sons.
Incorporated.

South Poland, Me. Aug. 6, 1895

My dear Friend,

Mr. Davenport; It is long since I wrote to you, Someone has written me that you are very poorly" - but our good friend Mrs. Wolcott who has been here a fortnight, thinks you look as well as you have for many years. There is the same difference in opinion about my health and looks - and I am in wretched health all the time, Since you and I met your admiring friend Miss Jackson has passed behind the veil which drops at death and conceals our friends from view - O, the Mystery !! I have been here

since June 4th. I have been away a week in all at three different times. I am prompted just now to write you for a form, I have gathered an unusual (to me,) form of Osmunda regalis. I think it will interest you, if you have not seen the fern before. If you have not, will you please to tell me if it is anything worthy of mention?

I often think of you, and wonder if you have been to Indian Point this year.

Remember me to your family, please,

and believe me the same friend,

Kate Furbish.

To
G. E. D. Botanist.

Shall remain here — K. F.

Wells, Maine —
Sept. 10 — '98.

My dear Friend;

Will you please give me the name of this Fern? The generic name, at least?

It was sent from South-America, and its owner is desirous to obtain some name for it.

I am ill, I have not seen much comfort since I left Boston, and see no probability of it. I have consulted one physician twice

with
no good results—

I have not heard from the Convention, save a line from Mr. W. about "Mushrooms." I enjoyed the little which I saw of my friend Mr. D—

It is now 6 o'clock A.M., and breakfast is ready. If you recognize the Fun, it will favor me greatly to know what it is, as I suppose the "Rev." wants to add it to the other "loves" which his Missionary-Sister has sent him named—

Hastily but friendly—
Kate Furbish—

Please give my love to the family. I do not know how much longer I

V

Brunswick, Maine.
Oct. 26th 1900.

My dear Friend:

I am not in your debt, but I want a little from you, can you get a few moments from, to take lead pencil and paper, and write me a tiny concise account of what you told me once in detail about your observations in Middlesex Fells, of the abundance with which the Italians gathered all sorts of "Mushrooms," I wish to

use your name in a Paper which I am preparing now to read before the "Saturday-Club" of Bk — Dec. first Sat — 250 Members

I am in wretchedly poor health at present.

Hastily and appreciatively,

Kate Furbish —

Reynoldsville —

To

Mr. G. E. D. Botanist —

N. B. I was heartily glad to see your work mentioned in the Rhodora: for now you will be sure to put it out —

K. F.

cerely your friend,

Kate Furbish,

To Geo. E. Davenport

October sixth Nineteen hundred and one,

Brunswick, Maine.

Dear Friend,

I know that I offer my humble apology to one who will lend a forgiving ear, or I should hardly dare to venture it has been so long since I rec'd the Pamphlet and photographs, They are the only good pictures which I ever saw of you, and

It must not only be a satisfaction to you but to your family as well, I also think you deserve all and more than was said of you. It was very well worded too.

I hope you will be able to keep on with your fern-work and find your last days your best days. I have felt badly all Summer, though considering the number of Guests which I have had, I have accomplished considerable in Botany. I have a cousin with me now who has been here since the last week in August — as we were school children when she was lost in Brunswick there has been the death and life of a generation in the town since her visit. Well, out of your family there were only two besides you to greet her. She is a fine woman and a blessing to me in many ways —

Please keep me posted in the progress which you make in your work from time to time, and with kind regards to your family, believe me sin-

Brunswick, Maine.

Mr. G. E. Davenport,

My dear Friend —

Some time ago when you had visited Lake Maranacook, Me — you wrote me that you would gladly add to my "Davenport Collection" of ferns the new one which you discovered there, I have been thinking a good deal about it of late, and as

this seems to be a botanical afternoon, I will add to notes which I have written asking questions. I mean on-swering notes which people have written me asking questions, it occurred to me to finish the day by asking a few my-self — I've been looking over your Ferns, and to my joy they are free from insects, not the color in any form —

I am driven almost to des-peration with work, and my health was never poorer, I do hope that you are more comfortable than when I saw you last, My kind regards to all at home —

I always think of you with gratitude for the benefit which you have been to me, and I hope to see you again in life ebbs out —

We do not feel as much cour-age now-a-days. Do we?

Kindly yours —

Kate Furbish —

To
Mr. G. E. Davenport —
Botanist,
June 5th 1905 —

Botrychium Virginianum.

1.

My dear Friend;

I find a pleasant excuse for writing to you in this fern. I wish to ask if it is a common occurrence for this Fern to produce two well developed sterile fronds. One of them, or the one from the ground has turned yellow, while the other is fresh - they are of the same size and about as long as broad. I've

2.

never met with this form before. I suppose that the sterile frond which divides the stem with the fertile to be the abnormal one - Am I correct?

Have you been comfortable for you this Summer?

I have been in poor health all Summer, first I had a long hard siege with Bronchitis then - I have had the lingering with the Summer troubles. We have had a short cool Summer only five scattered days of heat and no thunder-storms which cooled the home, so we have nothing to complain of but the seeming shortness - I love the

long days better than these.

Please remember me to your family—

Your old botanical friend—

Kate Furbish,

15 Lincoln St.,

To G. E. Davenport—

Fern specialist.